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3540 Department of Forestry and Fire Protection

1. Funding for Fire Protection Equipment and Services

Action. The Subcommittee adopted the budget proposals to increase funding for fire protection equipment and services except for the \$10.8 million proposed for fleet modernization. Staff will review the supplemental information submitted by the department and contact the department if more information is needed.

The Subcommittee also adopted budget bill language to require CDF to conduct a study on the department's helicopter requirements and options for financing those requirements.

Vote. 3-0

2. Augmentation to Off-Season Fire Protection for Southern California

Action. The Subcommittee directed the department to provide the following information:

- An analysis that justifies the augmentation to off-season fire protection resources in the five Southern California counties.
- Information on how contract counties will use increased funds to provide additional services to benefit the state and how the Amador agreements will be impacted by this proposal.
- Analysis on how fuel reduction activities will be enhanced by augmenting off-season fire protection resources.

Vote. 3-0

3. Legislative Oversight of CDF's Budget

Action. The Subcommittee directed staff, the LAO, DOF, and the department to work together on budget bill amendments and reporting requirements that will allow the Legislature to receive notification of unanticipated federal funds and provide a schedule of appropriations by program area.

Vote. 3-0

4. Funding for Forest Resources Assessment and Enhancement Programs

Action. The Subcommittee held this issue open until the department has released its draft EIR for public comment and direct staff, the LAO, DOF, and the department to work on more certain

options for funding forest resource assessment and enhancement programs. Options to be considered should include:

- Enacting trailer bill language similar to the legislation contained in SB 1648 (this was misstated in the agenda) that would guarantee FRIF revenues in the budget year.
- Redirection of General Fund from other department activities such as administration to fund forest resource assessment and enhancement activities.
- General Fund augmentation.

Vote. 3-0

5. Capital Outlay

Action. The Subcommittee adopted the capital outlay proposals except for the \$294,000 General Fund proposed for the Bear Valley project. The Bear Valley project should remain open until the department has submitted its scope and costs for the project.

Vote. 3-0

6. Fuels Management Activities

Action. The Subcommittee held this issue open pending additional information from the department on how the federal funds will be spent to support the Southern California fuels management proposal, including information to justify the proposed staffing level.

7. Other Budget Change Proposals

Action. Approved the other budget change proposals.

Vote. 3-0

8. Disabled Contractors

Action. The Subcommittee directed staff, CDF, and interested parties to develop recommendations to bring back for a future hearing on ways to ensure CDF meets current law targets for contracting with disabled veteran businesses.

Vote. 3-0

3790 Department of Parks and Recreation

1. American Disabilities Act Upgrades

Action. The Subcommittee approved General Fund support of the ADA upgrades.

Vote. 2-1 (Dutton)

2. Hearst Acquisition Staffing

Action. The Subcommittee held this issue open so staff could evaluate the information submitted by the department regarding other recent park acquisitions and the staffing needs at other parks for start-up operations.

3. State Park Fees

Action. The Subcommittee approved the fee increase given the state's current fiscal condition.

Vote. 2-1 (Dutton)

4. Concession Proposals

Action. The Subcommittee approved all of the concession proposals, including the compromise language on the Angel Island State Park proposal. The Subcommittee also adopted the supplemental report language prepared by the LAO that documents these concession proposals.

Vote. 3-0

5. Other Budget Proposals

Action. The Subcommittee approved the other budget proposals.

Vote. 3-0

6. Capital Outlay

Action. The Subcommittee approved the capital outlay budget proposals.

Vote. 3-0

0540 Secretary for Resources

No action or testimony was taken on any of the items under the Secretary for Resources due to the absence of Joe Desmond, Deputy Secretary for Energy. The Senator is currently drafting a letter requesting formal response to questions she was planning to ask in Subcommittee.

1. Energy Reorganization

2. Liquefied Natural Gas Proposals—Informational Issue

3. Electricity Transmission Line Agreement—Informational Issue
4. Solar Homes Initiative—Informational Issue

3360 California Energy Commission

1. PIER Program

Action. The Subcommittee adopted the budget change proposals for the PIER program and adopted placeholder trailer bill language that requires the commission to develop a long-term workload and staffing plan for the PIER program. The trailer bill language is to be drafted by staff and the LAO in consultation with the commission and DOF.

Vote. 3-0

2. Augmentation of Analytical Resources

Action. The Subcommittee approved the budget proposals to augment analytical resources at the commission.

Vote. 3-0

3. Public Interest Natural Gas Research Program

Action. The Subcommittee approved the budget proposal to establish staff for the new natural gas research program.

Vote. 3-0

4. Environmental Impacts of Coastal Power Plants— Informational Item

Action. No action was taken, but the commission indicated that a policy on once-through cooling would be adopted by 11/05.

3860 Department of Water Resources

California Energy Resources Scheduling Division

Action. The department's budget as proposed in January was approved as budgeted. The April finance letter will be heard on May 9.

Vote. 3-0

8660 Public Utilities Commission

1. Office of Ratepayer Advocates

Action. The Subcommittee approved the Finance Letter proposals related to ORA and directed staff, the LAO, DOF, ORA, and CPUC to develop a proposal to provide ORA with additional autonomy over its budgetary and to evaluate the staffing reductions made at the commission and ORA and develop a proposal, if justified, for additional staff resources at ORA.

Vote. 3-0

2. Various Telecommunications Issues—Informational Item

Action. No action was taken, but the commission indicated that the Teleconnect report would be submitted to the Legislature within the next two weeks.

3. Railroad Safety

Action. The Subcommittee requested that the Commission provide information on how it plans to fund activities to implement the strategic plan recently completed by the commission. This information should include the number of new positions needed along with information that justifies the increased level of staffing.

5. Budget Change Proposals

Action. The Subcommittee adopted the other budget change proposals.

Vote. 3-0

8665 California Consumer Power and Conservation Financing Authority

No actions were taken on this budget. This display was provided for informational purposes only.

8770 Electricity Oversight Board

No actions were taken on this budget. The information requested of the board has been received by staff and staff is reviewing.